

Current Happenings with In Home TN in Davidson

Current Areas of Focus:

The region is currently working on the priorities of Parenting Education, Absent Parent Involvement, and most recently, Domestic Violence Services.

The **Parenting Education workgroup** or “Parents Forward” is led by two partnering local agencies—The Family Center and Youth Villages. Parents Forward has made great strides over the years with bridging the service gaps in particular zip codes and continues to map out regional parenting needs based on primary child removal reasons and Child Protective Services referral data, provided by the Department. This information is used to ensure those areas deemed at highest risk can be targeted for parenting classes as a first priority. “Parents Forward” has a Facebook page for parents and child welfare workers to stay in touch: www.facebook.com/MTNParentsForward

In 2014, the work of this group was recognized by the nationally-known Casey Families organization and was highlighted in the Casey Families annual report: “A Declaration of Hope.” Check it out: http://www.casey.org/media/2014_SignatureReport.pdf

The **Absent Parent workgroup** is in the process of revamping and is now newly led by a local attorney and the Department. This group is focusing on ensuring that fathers are well-received by the child welfare system. The group is also working to begin collecting data on father involvement in Davidson County and in forging a partnership with the Department of Health.

The **Domestic Violence workgroup** is the newest priority that was added in late 2014. The group is in the process of creating goals, recruiting members, collecting data, and partnering with Nashville Metro Police.

Get involved!

Contact the Regional Project Lead, Ami Parker at Ami.Parker@tn.gov to get involved with In Home Tennessee in Davidson.

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